## **Assessment Annotations for the Curriculum Frameworks**

# Communication Arts

**Grades 3, 7, and 11** 



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This document includes the left-hand column ('What All Students Should Know") and the center column ('What All Students Should Be Able To Do") from *Missouri's Framework for Curriculum Development in Communication Arts K-12. Next* to these two columns has been added a column which includes assessment notes for those grade levels which will be tested in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), The annotations found in this column are intended to provide information for administrators, curriculum directors, and teachers concerning what is or is not "fair game" for the new statewide performance assessment in communication arts.

Teacher work groups met in late 1996 and early 1997 to decide which of the seventy-three Show-Me Standards should be assessed by the communication arts portion of the MAP. These teacher groups identified the following list of standards:

Communication Arts Knowledge Standards: 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Performance Standards, Goal One: 1.1, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8.

Performance Standards, Goal Two: 2.1, 2.2, and 2.4.

Performance Standards, Goal Three: 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.8.

Performance Standards, Goal Four: 4.1.

Another group of teachers then went through the communication arts curriculum framework and, using the list of standards above as a guide, noted which benchmark statements were fair game for a statewide paper and pencil test.

This teacher group faced an additional problem: the benchmark statements in the curriculum frameworks are at the fourth, eighth, and twelfth grade levels, while the communication arts portion of the new performance test will be given at grades three, seven, and eleven. Therefore, the group also identified those skills which were only *introduced* at the benchmark grade levels, since, for example, it would not be fair on a seventh grade test to assess a skill that is not introduced until grade eight.

At the top of the assessment notes column, the grade level of the test in question is identified (third, seventh, or eleventh). Below this heading, the knowledge benchmark statement from the left-hand column is repeated. In some cases, this benchmark statement has been qualified because only part of the benchmark is assessable on a statewide test. Any modifications made to the original statement are explained in parentheses. Below the knowledge benchmark statement, information is given on each of the performance benchmarks found in the middle column. If the letter is followed by the words "Grade 3 (or 7, or 10) state assessment," this benchmark is considered fair game for the assessment at that level. If the benchmark can not be assessed on the statewide test, it is marked "Local assessment." If *part* of the benchmark is assessable on the state test, the benchmark is modified to reflect the portion of the benchmark that is assessable. The modifications to these benchmarks are explained in parentheses. Finally, if the benchmark *is* assessable on the statewide test, but is not "fair game" for assessment until the next higher testing level, the annotation will say, 'Beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 7<sup>th</sup>) grade state assessment."

Please note that not all of the skills identified here as "fair game" for a state test will show up on the test in any given year.



#### K-I 2 Content Overview

To live successfully in an ever-changing world, students must be able to locate, decode, analyze, explain, and apply ideas and information. Because of the tremendous number of resources available, students must possess the skills to access data quickly from a variety of sources. Once they have located information, they need to be able to evaluate that information critically (for example, analyzing informational sources for bias, looking for strengths and weaknesses in an argumentative piece, or analyzing the effect of advertising on society). They also need to organize that information in ways that make sense to them (for example, through note-taking; paraphrasing; summarizing, and the use of graphic organizers such as flowcharts, graphs and diagrams).

But students need to be able to do more than simply locate, evaluate, and organize information. In order to actively engage with the world around them, students must be able to demonstrate their understanding by creating new communications, by applying newly acquired information to new situations, and by making connections between information, ideas and their personal experiences.

Obviously, these are complex processes that require repeated practice. Therefore, these skills are introduced in this framework at the earliest possible time, then spiraled in complexity as students move up through the grade levels. For example, by the end of second grade, students are expected to be able to talk about characters and their actions in stories. By the end of fourth grade, students should be able to identify and discuss story elements (such as setting, plot, structure, characters and themes). The ability to identify story elements beyond simple characterization is clearly a more advanced skill. Students at this level should be able to put their analyses into writing in addition to being able to discuss them orally. At the middle school level, students are expected to be able to recognize and discuss literary genres, compare and contrast texts, and examine cause and effect relationships. These skills significantly deepen students' understanding of literature. Finally, at the high school level, students are asked to make more sophisticated judgments on texts, moving beyond analysis to evaluation of literary techniques, author's purpose, style, and tone.

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3y the end of grade 4, all students should now how to	By <b>the</b> end of <b>grade</b> 2, all students should be able to	
I. Read, view, listen to, and evaluate written, visual and oral communications. (CA 2-3, 5)  Review the content of your district's curriculum in this area. The curriculum should include many opportunities for students to apply the process skills listed in the second column.]	<ul> <li>a. demonstrate understanding of print conventions (1.5; 1.6)</li> <li>b. use pictures, titles, contexts, structures of texts, patterns of language and personal experiences to make predictions and comprehend texts (1.5; 1.6)</li> <li>c. recognize and interpret print from their surroundings (1.5; 1.6)</li> <li>d. recognize the differences between real and makebelieve (1.7)</li> <li>By the end of grade 4, all students should be able to</li> <li>e. use a variety of strategies to interpret texts (1.5; 1.6)</li> <li>f. read, view and listen for specific purposes (such as scanning to find needed information) (1.5; 1.6)</li> <li>g. read, view, listen to and recognize a variety of literary genres (1.6; 1.9)</li> <li>h. apply prior readings and experiences to aid comprehension (1.5; 1.10)</li> <li>i. recognize and understand figurative language (such as personification, simile and metaphor) (1.5; 1.9)</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Read, view, and evaluate written and visual communications. (Listening lo oral communications should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>a. Local assessment</li> <li>b. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>c. Local assessment</li> <li>d. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>e. Local assessment</li> <li>f. Read for specific purposes. (Viewing and listening should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>g. Read and recognize a variety of literary genres. (Viewing and listening should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>h. Local assessment</li> <li>i. Grade 3 state assessment</li> </ol>

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By the end of grade 4, all students should know how to  2. Locate and gather information and ideas. (CA 2-7)  [gee note on p. 8.]	a. ask relevant questions to collect information (1.1; 1.2)  b. gather information from first-hand experiences (such as people, concrete objects and daily life) (1.2; 1.3)  c. gather information from second-hand sources (such as pictures or graphics, trade books or computer programs) (1.2; 1.4)  By the end of grade 4, all students should be able to d. use key words for locating information (1.2; 1.4)  e. gather information from first-hand sources (such as interviews and observations)  f. use print and nonprint resources (including electronic resources) to locate information (1.4)  g. find information on a topic by examining tables of contents and indexes (1.2; 1.4)  h. gather information using pictures, dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, trade books and subject-specific resources (1.2; 1.4)	<ul> <li>2. Locate and gather information and ideas.</li> <li>a. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>b. Local assessment</li> <li>c. Local assessment</li> <li>d. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>e. Local assessment</li> <li>f. Local assessment</li> <li>g. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>h. Grade 3 state assessment</li> </ul>
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By the end of grade 4, all students should krww how to  3. Process, organize and evaluate information and ideas. (CA 2-7)  [See note on p. 8.]	a. recognize similarities and differences in words, stories and ideas (1.6; 1.10)  b. use story elements (such as characters, setting, problem, events and ending) to predict and recall events (1.6; 1.10)  c. ask questions to clarify understanding (1 .1; 1.2)  d. use drawing, writing and speaking to clarify understanding (1.8; 1.10)  By the end of grade 4, all students should be able to  e. interpret and follow brief written directions (such as those in recipes, games, safety guidelines, or the daily list of activities) (1.5; 1.6)  f. take brief notes (1.6; 1.8)  g. summarize information and ideas (1.6; 1.8)  h. organize information and ideas in meaningful ways (1.6; 1.8)  i. determine which data best fit a designated purpose (1.7; 1.8)	3. Process, organize and evaluate information and ideas.  a. Grade 3 state assessment  b. Grade 3 state assessment  c. Grade 3 state assessment  d. Use drawing and writing to clarify understanding. (Speaking to clarify understanding should be assessed locally.)  e. Grade 3 state assessment  f. Grade 3 state assessment  g. Grade 3 state assessment  h. Grade 3 state assessment  i. Grade 3 state assessment
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ly the end of grade 4, all students should now how to  4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences. (CA 1-7)  See note on p. 8.]	By the end of grade 2, all students should be able to  a. recall past reading or viewing when discussing current reading or viewing (1.6; 1.10)  b. demonstrate understanding of texts by writing, painting, dramatizing, discussing, etc. (1.6; 2.1)  c. make connections between print and nonprint texts and people, events and experiences that are part of their daily lives (1.9; 1.10)  d. offer opinions and perceptions about literature based on their experiences (1.5; 1.9)  By the end of grade 4, students should be able to  e. compare and contrast current and past reading or viewing (1.6; 1.10)  f. interpret texts by writing, painting, dramatizing, discussing, etc. (1.6; 2.1)  g. recall and relate prior experiences to texts (1.6; 1.10)  h. integrate texts read and viewed with other areas of study (1.6; 1.10)	<ul> <li>4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences.</li> <li>a. Local assessment</li> <li>b. Demonstrate understanding of texts by writing or drawing. (Demonstration of understanding of texts through painting, dramatizing, discussing, etc., should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>c. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>d. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>e. Compare and contrast current and past reading. (Comparison of current and past viewing should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>f. Interpret texts by writing or drawing. (Interpretation of texts through painting, dramatizing, discussing, etc., should be assess locally.)</li> <li>g. Grade 3 state assessment</li> <li>h. Local assessment</li> </ul>

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3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Assessment Notes

ly the end of grade 4, all students should now how to

5. Analyze and evaluate how language and communications influence and reflect the cultures or eras in which they are created. (CA 7)

See note on p. 8.]

By the end Of grade 2, all students should be able to

- a. read, view, listen to and respond to culturally diverse literature and videos (such as fairy tales, folktales, contemporary stories and nonfiction) (1.5; 1.9)
- b. make connections between concepts and ideas in texts and their own experiences (1.9; 1.10)

By the end of grade 4, all students should be able lo

- c. read, view, listen to and respond to culturally and historically diverse texts and videos (such as myths, tall tales, contemporary and historical fiction and nonfiction) (1.5; 1.9)
- d. explore and explain culturally and historically diverse texts and videos in a variety of ways (such as drawing, writing, dramatizing and discussing) (1.8; 1.9)
- e. identify words and phrases (such as idioms, jargon and local expressions) that reflect the cultures or eras in which they are used (1.5; 1.9)

- 5. Analyze and evaluate how language and communications influence and reflect the cultures or eras in which they are created.
- a. Read and respond to culturally diverse literature (such as fairy tales, folktales, contemporary stories and nonfiction). (Viewing and listening to culturally diverse literature should be assessed locally. j
- b. Grade 3 state assessment
- c. Read and respond to culturally and historically diverse texts (such as myths, tall tales, contemporary and historical fiction and nonfiction). (Viewing and listening to culturally and historically diverse texts should be assessed locally.)
- d. Explore and explain culturally and historically diverse texts in a variety of ways (such as drawing and writing). (Exploration and explanation of culturally and historically diverse videos should be assessed locally.)
- e. Grade 3 state assessment

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by the end of grade 4, all students should now how to  6. Apply information, ideas, processes and skills learned in the study of communication arts to new situations and tasks. (CA 1-7)  See note on p.8.]	a. apply knowledge of language conventions (such as story structure, letter-sound relationships, capital letters and periods) to aid in interpreting communications (1.5; 1.10)  b. supply words and phrases in predictable texts (1.5; 1.6)  c. connect new information to previous knowledge and experiences (1.5; 1.10)  d. identify familiar words in new contexts (1.6; 1.10)  e. use language for a variety of purposes (such as establishing social relationships, displaying knowledge, gaining and giving information, and influencing others) (1.8; 1.10)  By the end of grade 4, all students should be able to  f. apply comprehension strategies to written, visual and oral texts (1.5; 1.10)  g. apply prior knowledge to predict sequences and logical events (1.5; 1.6)  h. identify a new or unfamiliar viewpoint in a text (1.5; 1.6)  i. use language effectively for a variety of purposes and in different situations (1.10; 2.3)	6. Apply information, ideas, processes and skills learned in the study of communication arts to new situations and tasks.  a. Local assessment  b. Local assessment  c. Local assessment  d. Grade 3 state assessment  e. Grade 3 state assessment  f. Apply comprehension strategies to written and visual texts. (Application of comprehension strategies to oral texts should be assessed locally.)  g. Grade 3 state assessment  h. Grade 3 state assessment  i. Local assessment

What All Students Should Know

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By the end of grade 8, all students should know how to

1. Read, view, listen to, and evaluate written, visual and oral communications. (CA 2-3, 5)

[Review the content of your district's curriculum in this area. The curriculum should include many opportunities for students to apply the process skills listed im the second column.]

What All Students Should Be Able To Do

- By **the** end of grade 8, all *students should be able to*
- a. classify and categorize communications by themes and genres (1.6; 1.8)
- b. compare and contrast various communications (1.5; 1.6)
- c. analyze figurative language and literary techniques used in effective communications (1.5; 1.6)
- d. examine cause and effect relationships in literature and other texts (1.6; 1.8)
- e. contrast fictional accounts with real-life experiences (1.7; 1.8)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment Notes

- 1. Read, view and evaluate written and visual communications.
- a. Grade 7 state assessment
- b. Grade 7 state assessment
- c. Beyond 7" grade state assessment
- d. Grade 7 state assessment
- e. Grade 7 state assessment

What All Students Should Know	What All Students Should Be <b>Able To</b> Do	7th Grade Assessment Notes
y tire end of grade 8, all students should now how to  2. Locate and gather information and ideas. (CA 2-7)  See note on p. 14.)	By the end of grade 8, all students should be able to  a. determine key words to use in locating multiple resources (1.2; 1.4)  b. select appropriate electronic and print resources for research purposes (1.1; 1.2)  c. compare several sources on a topic to determine reliability (1.2; 1.7)  d. identify and analyze organizational patterns of print and nonprint resources to facilitate research (1.2; 1.6)  e. explore community resources (1.3; 1.4)	<ul> <li>2. Locate and gather information and ideas.</li> <li>a. Grade 7 state assessment</li> <li>b. Local assessment</li> <li>c. Grade 7 state assessment</li> <li>d. Beyond 7th grade state assessment</li> <li>e. Local assessment</li> </ul>

By the end of grade 8, all students should now how to  a. recognize different viewpoints, biases and propaganda (1.6; 1.7)  b. distinguish between fact and opinion (1.6; 1.7)  c. draw conclusions and form opinions (1.6; 1.8)  d. take notes and record sources consulted (1.6; 1.8)  e. summarize main ideas (1.6; 1.8)  f. determine relevance of information to purpose and audience (1.5; 1.6)  By the end of grade 8, all students should be able to  a. recognize different viewpoints, biases and propaganda (1.6; 1.7)  a. Recognize different viewpoints and biases. (Recognition of propaganda is beyond 7th grade assessment.)  b. Grade 7 state assessment  c. Grade 7 state assessment  d. Local assessment  e. Grade 7 state assessment  e. Grade 7 state assessment
g. process and organize thinking about a topic using a variety of formats (1.8; 1.10)  f. Grade 7 state assessment  g. Local assessment

What All Students Should Know	What All Students Should Be <b>Able To</b> Do	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment Notes
y the end of grade 8, all students should now how to  4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences. (CA 1-7)  See note on p. 14.]	By the end of grade 8, all students should be able to  a. make comparisons and draw conclusions about texts based on experiences in daily life (1.9; 1.10)  b. recognize similarities and differences among new texts and those previously read or viewed (1.6; 1.10)  c. interpret and respond to texts through performances in the fine arts and other content areas (1.10; 2.5)	<ul> <li>4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences.</li> <li>a. Grade 7 state assessment</li> <li>b. Recognize similarities and differences among texts read or viewed (photos, pictures, graphs, charts-but not videos). (Recognition of similarities and differences among texts previously read or viewed should be assessed locally.)</li> <li>c. Local assessment</li> </ul>

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What All Students Should Know	What All Students Should Be Able To Do	11th Grade Assessment Notes
By the end of grade 72, all students should know how lo  3. Process, organize and evaluate information and ideas. (CA 2-7)  [See note on p. 20.]	By the end of grade 12, all students should be able to  a. establish criteria for analyzing resources by identifying purpose and intended audience (1.2; 3.1)  b. select useful ways to organize materials (1.4; 1.8)  c. summarize or paraphrase information presented in a variety of communications (1.6; 1.8)  d. evaluate materials for faulty reasoning, biases and propaganda (1.6; 1.7)  e. identify similarities, differences, repetition and inaccuracies in data collected (1.6; 1.7)  f. draw conclusions and form opinions based on data collected (1.6; 1.8)	<ul> <li>3. Process, organize and evaluate information and ideas.</li> <li>a. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>b. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>c. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>d. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>e. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>f. Draw conclusions and form opinions based on data. (The actual collection of data should be assessed locally.)</li> </ul>

What All Students Should Know	What All Students Should Be Able To Do	11th Grade Assessment Notes
4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences. (CA 1-7)  See note on p. 20.]	<ul> <li>a. compare and contrast a variety of genres and texts (1.6; 1.8)</li> <li>b. evaluate texts considering prior experiences and previous readings or observations (1.9; 1.10)</li> <li>c. interpret and respond to texts through performances in the fine arts and other content areas (1.10; 2.5)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4. Relate literature and other texts to prior experiences.</li> <li>a. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>b. Grade 11 state assessment</li> <li>c. Local assessment</li> </ul>

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What All Students Should Know  y the end of grade 12, all students should now how to  5. Analyze and evaluate how language and communications influence and reflect the cultures or eras in which they arc created. (CA 7)  See note on p. 20.]	Use the end of grade 12, all students should be able fo  a. read, view, listen to and respond to literature, film and other texts from diverse cultures and eras (1.5; 1.9)  b. determine relationships between literature and other communications and their historical and/or cultural contexts (1.6; 1.9)  c. analyze and draw conclusions about the addition/deletion of words to a language and the changes in the meanings of words over time (1.2; 1.6)	5. Analyze and evaluate how language and communications influence and reflect the Cultures or eras in which they are created.  a. Read, view and respond to literature and other texts from diverse cultures and eras. (Listening and responding to auditory texts and viewing and responding to films should be assessed locally.)  b. Local assessment
COMMUNICATION ARTS Q	d. create communications that reflect cultural, historical or current perspectives on a topic/issue (1.8; 1.9)	c. Grade 11 state assessment d. Grade 11 state assessment